Coverage of RNTCP

1117. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the coverage of Revised National tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP);

(b) the number of laboratories set up for smear microscopy;

(c) the number of patients treated everyday and how many of them have responded to treatment; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to extend coverage of RNTCP?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The present coverage under RNTCP is about 570 million population.

(b) For quality diagnosis of TB cases, more than 5,700 microscopy centres have been established in the country.

(c) In the year 2002, under RNTCP, 6,22,873 patients were put on treatment *i.e.* about 1707 patients per day. The Project Districts have reported a cure rate of 84% which means that 8 out of every 10 patients diagnosed and put on treatment under the revised strategy are successfully treated.

(d) It is envisaged to cover 850 million population under RNTCP by 2004 and the entire country by 2005.

Setting up of clinical laboratories for pathological tests

1118. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether home grown laboratories and foreign firms have set up many clinical laboratories for pathological tests for the last three years;

(b) if so, the total number of clinical laboratories and its number in rural areas as on date State-wise and category-wise;

(c) the total number of Government clinical laboratories and its number in rural areas as on date, State-wise and category-wise;